

REMARKS

Claims 24-57 are pending in the present application. Claims 42, 44 and 46 have been amended to depend from claim 24. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the application as filed.

Rejoinder

Upon finding product claim 24 allowable, withdrawn claims 42-48 should be rejoined for substantive prosecution because they are directed to a process and depend from or otherwise contain all the limitations of product claim 24, which is allowable. Under MPEP 821.04(b), "if applicant elects a claim(s) directed to a product which is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder."

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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